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CIVIL RIGHTS COMMISSION SPONSORING POSTER CONTEST FOR K-12 STUDENTS

LANSING, Dec. 12, 2002 - As part of its upcoming 40th anniversary celebration, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission is sponsoring a statewide poster contest that is open to all school age children from kindergarten through the 12th grade.

The theme of the anniversary is "Measuring Civil Rights Progress." Each entry will be judged in part on its ability to communicate this theme as well as its originality. A panel of Michigan Civil Rights Commissioners will judge the contest and pick the top three contestants on or around January 25, 2003.

The first place winner will receive a \$1,000 savings bond; a \$250 savings bond will be awarded to the student's teacher for classroom supplies. The second place winner will get a \$500 savings bond while the third-place winner will receive a \$250 savings bond. Teachers of the second and third place winners will each get \$250 savings bonds for classroom supplies as well. The winning design will be used as the anniversary logo.

Posters may not display any personal information, must clearly reflect the theme's message and must not include the brand name of any product. The deadline for entries is Jan. 18, 2003. Entries should be mailed to the following address:

Michigan Civil Rights Commission
Attn: Rachel Parish, Poster Contest Coordinator
Capitol Tower Building
110 W. Michigan Ave., Suite. 800
Lansing, MI 48913

More information on the contest rules as well as the entry form is available at the Commission's website at www.michigan.gov/mdcr.

About the Michigan Civil Rights Commission and the Michigan Department of Civil Rights

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights is charged with enforcing the state's laws against discrimination. The department operates under the auspices of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. The Commission was created under a 1963 Michigan constitutional mandate that charges the Commission with preventing and eliminating illegal discrimination. The Department's customer service options include information, outreach and education, referrals, complaint resolutions and mediation. The Commission's eight members are bi-partisan and are appointed by the Governor. The Commission carries out its mandate with the assistance of the staff at the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

To view previous press releases, go to the website at www.michigan.gov/mdcr.